

on the GREEN

A weekly publication for Gallaudet University staff and faculty

October 29, 1990

Vol. 21, No. 5



President I. King Jordan places a call to Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii) on a TDD pay phone in Ely Center during an Oct. 18 news conference to launch a one-year trial use of pay TDDs in the Baltimore-Washington area. Gallaudet is leasing and installing 40 pay TDDs. With Jordan (from left) are interpreter Bill Adams; Joe O'Hara, assistant vice president, Bell Atlantic Public Communications; Alfred Sonnenstrahl, executive director, Telecommunications for the Deaf; and Ray Smith, chairman and CEO of Bell Atlantic.

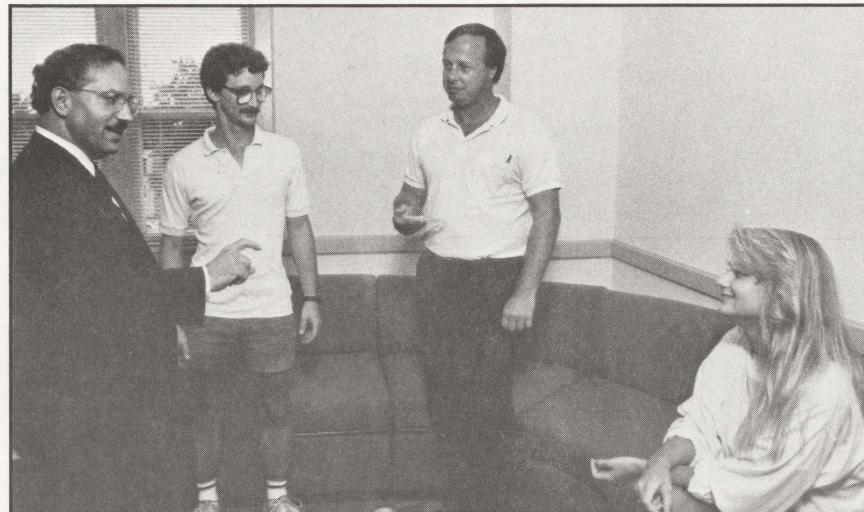
Corson meets with units, identifies two program needs

Dr. Harvey Corson, who began his tenure as Gallaudet University's provost Aug. 1, is fast becoming one of the most familiar faces on campus. In just three months, he has met with faculty, staff, managers, deans, chairpeople, program directors, and student representatives in the Office of Student Affairs, the School of Education and Human Services, the College of Arts and Sciences, and the Student Body Government.

Corson says this is only a dent in his plan to visit all the schools/units and to get to know their deans, directors, faculty, and staff members, and the services they provide. But his impressions so far have brought Corson to one conclusion: "I am [now], more than ever, convinced that we have wonderful resources in our faculty and staff," he said. "I am looking forward to working with them in implementing various aspects of academic excellence in our programs and services."

Corson's interest in faculty and staff goes beyond the classroom, however. The University's Board of Trustees recently revised a policy on educational assistance so that it now extends the benefits to faculty. Corson, who served on the board for the last six years, said this is just the first step in a series of faculty and staff development programs that he and President Jordan are considering. These plans include meeting the faculty's academic computing needs and establishing a Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching to provide ongoing professional development.

Corson plans to review Gallaudet's academic programs and the services they provide to assess their strengths, weaknesses, and needs. He will work with deans and directors to review



Provost Harvey Corson talks with students at a September reception for undergraduate students to meet Gallaudet University's faculty and administrators.

budgetary needs.

Corson has identified two program needs. He wants to examine freshman student needs and assess how Gallaudet's programs, courses, and services are meeting these needs. "The more we are able to appropriately serve freshman students, the better our retention rate will be," he said. He also wants to work with faculty in making deaf studies programs more comprehensive.

Sign communication—specifically, how to ensure that new faculty acquire adequate sign communication skills for the classroom—is a major issue for Corson as it is for the entire campus.

Corson, a native user of American Sign Language, said he learned both ASL and English initially from his deaf parents, who are users of both languages, and later acquired oral skills at

Senate endorses sign evaluation, faculty to vote on proposal Nov. 5

Gallaudet's Faculty Senate, meeting for the second time in two weeks about faculty sign language evaluation, recommended approval Oct. 22 to changes in the University Faculty Guidelines that would revamp the evaluation method.

Endorsement for the proposed Sign Communication Proficiency Interview (SCPI), which would replace the SimCom method, was given after a four-hour discussion, with relatively minor editorial changes to the proposal. SCPI was developed over the past several years by Committee A (Faculty Welfare) and an advisory board made up of faculty from various departments.

On Monday, Nov. 5, the University Faculty will meet at 4:36 p.m. in Chapel Hall to take action on the senate's recommendation.

Committee A Chairman Mark Weinberg said that the SCPI method, which

has operated on a trial basis along with SimCom for the past two years, is expected to improve faculty's signing skills. "We are very pleased that the spirit of the original proposal was endorsed," said Weinberg. "We think it is a very well thought out proposal."

The 30-minute SCPI, which will be videotaped, will be conducted by a trained faculty panel. The interviews involve a variety of topics, both professional and nonprofessional, and although the interviewers will not use their voices, candidates may do so.

A rating of "intermediate-plus," determined by three raters picked from a pool of 10 faculty members serving during a given year, must be achieved to demonstrate adequate signing proficiency. Faculty who were appointed before the new guidelines go into effect have until the 1992-93 academic year to obtain the necessary rating, and faculty appointed after the guidelines change have until Feb. 15 of their third year of service to achieve the rating to be eligible for reappointment.

Faculty who rate intermediate-plus do not have to take future tests unless they are appointed to tenure-track positions, in which case they are required to reach an "advanced" or higher rating to be eligible for tenure. However, all faculty are encouraged to improve their communication skills, and courses will be provided by the Department of Sign Communication.

Faculty who disagree with their ratings have the right to a new interview conducted by a different panel and rated by different raters.



Linda Jordan places the 500th and last piece in a puzzle of her husband, President I. King Jordan, in "Ole Jim." The Laurent Clerc Cultural Fund began selling pieces of the puzzle for \$2 each during Charter Day last spring to help raise money to commission Jordan's official portrait.



A British Broadcasting Corporation crew films two British students signing in "Ole Jim" Oct. 8 as part of a film about educational choices available to adolescents. Also pictured is Gallaudet's artist-in-residence Bernard Bragg (right).

Among Ourselves

Harry Markowicz, assistant professor in the English Department, met with the executive director of the Franco-American Foundation, which is based in Paris, on his recent trip to France to discuss themes for a binational colloquium on deafness to be held in October 1991. Markowicz also was interviewed for an article in the regional newspaper *La Nouvelle République* while he observed bilingual classes taught entirely by deaf teachers in Poitiers. In addition, Markowicz answered questions about the Deaf President Now movement at Gallaudet for a radio program on deafness that is part of a series designed to sensitize the general public to minority groups in French society.

John Day, University librarian, was recently elected vice chairman of the American Library Association's (ALA) Libraries Serving Special Populations Section for the 1990-91 year, and his chairmanship will automatically be renewed for the 1991-92 year. The section consists of various forums that are concerned with services provided to people who are blind, deaf, mobility impaired, elderly, hospitalized, or in prison. Day served most recently as chairman of the ALA's Library Services

to the Deaf Forum and also is currently serving as secretary and financial officer of the International Federation of Library Associations' Section for Libraries Serving Disadvantaged Persons.

Dr. Michael Miller, professor in the Department of Foreign Languages, delivered a paper, "The Concept of Virility in Three Spanish 19th Century Naturalistic Novels," at the 4th Biennial Northeast Regional Meeting of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese held Sept. 21-22 in Providence, R.I. The conference was sponsored by Providence College and the University of Rhode Island, both of Providence.

Dr. Njeri Nuru, dean of the School of Communication, and the University's satellite broadcasting system, which is operated by the School of Communication, will be featured in an upcoming issue of the *T.H.E. Journal* (Technical Horizons in Education). The article, "Distance Learning Boosts Access to Information for Deaf Students," written by Janet Lunn of the advertising and public relations agency Pallace inc. [sic.] of Silver Spring, Md., describes how Gallaudet's VistaLink satellite system is enhancing students' and staff members' access to information. Pallace inc. handles public relations for the Microdyne Corporation, which manufactures the VistaLink.

Dr. Harriet Kaplan, associate professor in the Department of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology, gave two invited presentations titled "Speechreading and Communication Strategies" and "Hearing Loss in the Elderly" at both the Rehabilitation Conference at the Centrum voor Gehoorvalideit en Logopedie Oct. 20 in Kortrijk, Belgium, and the University of Brussels Oct. 24.

Dr. Stephen Chaikind, associate professor in the Economics Department, published his article "Quality Control and the Business Economist" in the October issue of *Business Economics*. The article stresses the importance of producing high quality work to both businesses and individuals, and reviews economists' role in ensuring the quality of their work.

on the GREEN

Published each Monday for the staff and faculty of Gallaudet University by the Department of Publications and Production.

Editor

Vickie Walter

Editorial Staff

Todd Byrd
Lynne McConnell

Photography Staff

Chun Louie
Joan Schub

Typesetting

Julius Donovan

Gallaudet University is an equal opportunity employer/educational institution and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, religion, age, disability, or veteran status in employment or admission to its programs and activities.

Announcements

The Campus Aging Advisory Group will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 6, from noon to 1 p.m. in the Ely Center Art Exhibit Room. Faculty and staff interested in programs and services for older adults with hearing loss are invited to participate. For more information, call Debra Busacco, Special Populations Program, x5096.

A memorial service for Dr. Leonard M. Elstad, third president of the University, who died June 27, will be held in Chapel Hall Nov. 15 at 4 p.m. The entire campus community is invited.

St. Barnabas' Mission to the Deaf of Adelphi, Md., will celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Rev. Jay Croft's ministry in the Episcopal Diocese of Washington on Nov. 11. Croft is also the Episcopal/Anglican chaplain at Gallaudet. The service will be held at 10 a.m. in the Chapel of St. John's Episcopal Church, 6701 Wisconsin Ave., Chevy Chase, Md. The sermon will be delivered by the Ven. Camille Desmarais ('63), archdeacon for the deaf in the Diocese of Alabama.

The Department of Physical Education and Recreation's "Human Performance Lab," located in the Fitness Center in the lower level of the Field House, is open to the Gallaudet community on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from noon-2 p.m. and on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. The lab offers a number of physical fitness activities, including stationary cycling, rowing machine assessment testing, and fitness training.

programs. For more information, call x5591, or E-mail 11KSANFACON or WHATSUP3.

The Gallaudet library has prepared instructions explaining how to use the new ALADIN (Access to Library and Database Information Network) system, which gives users access to library catalogs from the eight member libraries of the Washington Research Libraries Consortium. The instructions, "How to ... Access ALADIN from Outside the Library," are available in the "How To Guides" section of the library handout rack located near the information desk.

Winners of the ALADIN (Access to Library and Database Information Network) Trivia Game held recently following a demonstration of the new system, were: first place, Dr. Jane Hurst, associate professor in the Philosophy/Religion Department; second place, Dr. Terry Berkeley, associate professor in the Department of Administration and Supervision; and third place, Esther Spiegel, a graduate student in social work.

A sign interpreted performance of "The Wiz," presented by the University Theatre at the University of Maryland, College Park, will be given on Saturday, Nov. 17, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for standard admission and \$8 for students and senior citizens. For more information, call the Tawes Theatre Box Office at (301) 405-2201 (V/TDD) weekdays from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., or write to the University Theatre, Tawes Theatre Box Office, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742-1215.

Classified Ads

CLASSIFIED ADS are printed free as a service to Gallaudet faculty and staff. They must be submitted in writing only to *On the Green*, MSSD, Room G-37, or E-mail VWALTER. Off-campus phone numbers must include an area code and whether the number is voice or TDD. Ads may be run for a maximum of two weeks, if requested and if space permits. Ads received from Oct. 29-Nov. 2 will appear in the Nov. 12 issue.

WANTED: Large hamster cage. Call x4331 (TDD), or (301) 604-5846 (TDD).

FOR SALE: '86 Ford Escort, 2-dr. hatchback, light blue, 4-speed, 70K mi., new tires, brakes, and muffler, passed Md. inspection, AM/FM cassette, body and interior in good cond. Call Bob, x5314.

FOR SALE: '84 Chrysler 5th Ave., complete options inc. leather interior, 100K mostly highway/beltway mi., 1 owner, clean, good mechanical cond., \$3,900. Call x5020, (301) 867-2941 (V/TDD), or E-mail DEHICKS.

FOR SALE: Lifecycle Model LC600 exercise bike w/PM-4 Exercise Pulse Monitor and Ultra-Shaper dynamic resistance readout for arms, mint cond., hardly used, sells for \$1,600, will accept \$900. Call Deb, x5480.

FOR SALE: 2 Pekingese puppies, white female and tan male, 4 mos. old, have had shots and been wormed and dipped, have AKC papers, must sell quickly because of allergy. Call Keller, x5610, or (301) 773-8783 (TDD) eves.

FOR SALE: 1 Lotus Elite and 1 Puch 10-speed bicycle, exc. cond., \$100/each. Call Ruth Schilling, x5515 M/W, or E-mail RMSCHILLING.

WANTED: Male/female to share nice house on quiet street, 5-min. walk to Wheaton Metro, \$325/mo. inc. all amenities. Call Jeff, (202) 663-4686 (V/TDD) days or (301) 946-5952 (TDD) eves.

FREE: Antique desk, 61x34x31 in., you arrange for pick-up. Call Joyce, (301) 345-5767 (TDD) eves.

FOR SALE: Dining room suite in medium shade wood inc. square table plus leaf, 1 end chair and 3 reg. chairs w/beige cloth seats, and 1-piece display cabinet w/3-shelf cabinet on bottom and 3 lighted glass shelves on top, \$325. Call Julius, x3112 (V), x3115 (TDD), or (202) 543-8362 (V) eves.

FOR SALE: Minolta 35 mm SRT 100 camera, shutter speed B-1/500 sec, manual controls, \$75; 50 mm lens, 1.75 ft.-infinity, F1.9-16, \$30; 135 mm telephoto lens, 5 ft.-infinity, F3.5-22, \$50; Quantaray automatic 1-touch zoom w/close-up, 35-200 mm, F3.8-32, macro-focusing, w/case, \$190; Sunpak flash automatic 26SR, thyristor, auto/manual settings, 35-135 mm, 25-1000ASA, F2-32, 2-43 ft., 1/16 full power, \$90; 3 oriental-style rugs, red/blue, good cond., \$60/each; runner rug, \$20. Call Rosemary, x5115.

FOR SALE: Pine Factory sofa, rarely used, \$195; 12-speed ladies Schwinn bike, \$125; large box of boy's fall/winter clothes size 5-7, BO. Call x4331 (TDD), (301) 604-5846 (TDD), or E-mail CASHEVLIN.

WANTED: Deaf/hearing female nonsmoking professional/graduate student who knows sign to rent room w/private bath in Silver Spring, Md., townhouse, avail. now, rent plus util. Call Jessica, (301) 933-8055 (TDD).